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Re the appointment of a High Commissioner of India in the United Kingdom.

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FROM

MAJOR C. T. C. PLOWDEN, I. A.,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

TO

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 21st October *1920.*

SIR,

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Durbar a copy of a notification of the Government of India in the Department of Commerce No. 6634, dated the 2nd October 1920, regarding the appointment of a High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom, and to request that it may kindly be published in the Mysore Gazette.

I have the honour to be,
S i r,
Your most obedient servant,

for FIRST ASSISTANT RESIDENT.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

N O T I F I C A T I O N.

Foreign Trade.

Simla, the 2nd October 1920.

No.6634.- The following Order in Council is published for general information:-

At the Court at Buckingham Palace.

The 13th day of August 1920.

Present.

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

Whereas by Section thirty-five of the Government of India Act, 1919, it is enacted that His Majesty by Order in Council may make provision for the appointment of a High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom and for the pay, pension, powers, duties, and conditions of employment of the High Commissioner and of his Assistants and provide for delegating to the High Commissioner any of the powers previously exercised by the Secretary of State or the Secretary of State in Council in relation to making contracts and prescribe the conditions under which he shall act on behalf of the Governor-General in Council or any Local Government;

And whereas it has seemed to His Majesty by and with the advice of His Privy Council to be expedient to make provision forthwith for the appointment of a High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom and to make such provision as hereinafter appears for the other matters mentioned or referred to in the above recited enactment;

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the power in this behalf by the above recited enactment in Him vested is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:-

1. The Governor-General in Council may from time to time by notification in the Gazette of India with the approval of the Secretary of State in Council appoint some person to be High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom, and may with the like sanction and in like manner remove or suspend any such person and apcoint another in his stead.

2. The person appointed to be High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom (herein after referred to as the High Commissioner) shall hold office for a period not exceeding five years from the date of his appointment, and shall be eligible for the reappointment. The Governor-General in Council may at any time grant leave of absence to the High Commissioner, and appoint some person to discharge his duties in his absence.

3. The salary of the High Commissioner shall be three thousand pounds a year payable out of the revenues of India. No pension shall be payable in respect of services rendered as High Commissioner:

Provided that if a person in the Civil Service of the Crown in India is appointed High Commissioner, he may reckon his period of servic as High Commissioner for the purpose of earning any pension for which he may be eligible as a member of the Civil Service of the Crown in India.

4. In the exercise of his powers and performance of his duties the High Commissioner shall be subject to the direction and control of the Governor-General in Council.

5. Subject to the provisions of the Government of India Act the High Commissioner shall -

(a) act as agent of the Governor-General in Council in the United Kingdom;

(b) act on behalf of local Governments in India for such purposes and in such cases as the Governor-General in Council shall prescribe;

(c) conduct any business relating to the Government of India hitherto conducted in the office of the Secretary of State by or under the direction of the Secretary of State in Council or the Council of India which may be assigned to him by the Secretary of State in Council provided that no assignment of business under this Order shall be such as to restrict the powers of superintendence, direction and control vested in the Secretary of State or the Secretary of State in Council under the Government of India Act or otherwise.

6. So far as may be necessary for exercising the powers or performing the duties of his office, the High Commissioner shall have power to make and sign, and where necessary seal, contracts, in the name and on behalf of the Secretary of State in Council, and to vary and discharge contracts made on behalf of the Secretary of State in Council, whether before or after the date of this Order.

The benefit and liability of every contract made in pursuance of this provision shall pass to the Secretary of State in Council for the time being.

7. The High Commissioner may from time to time appoint such officers, clerks and servants as are required to assist him in the performance of his duties. Such appointment shall be made in accordance with general or special orders to be issued in this behalf by the Governor-General in Council, and the orders shall prescribe the terms as to pay, pension and leave of absence and conditions of service generally, on which such appointments may be made.

8. If any person on the establishment of the Secretary of State in Council is appointed to be an officer, clerk or servant on the establishment of the High Commissioner, such person shall have a right of appeal to the Secretary of State in Council against any order of the High Commissioner, removing or suspending him from employment or affecting his pay, promotion or conditions of employment, and shall for the pruposes of superannuation or retiring allowance or additional allowance or gratuity, and his legal personal representatives shall for the purpose of gratuity be in the same position as if he had remained on the establishment of the Secretary of State in Council.

9. The High Commissioner shall lay before the Auditor of the accounts of the Secretary of State in Council, accounts of the receipt expenditure and disposal in the United Kingdom of all money, stores and property by the High Commissioner, accompanied by proper vouchers for their support, and submit to the inspection of the Auditor all books, papers and writings having relation thereto, and supply any information which may be required by the Auditor in connection therewith, and sha

as soon as may be, transmit to the Governor-General in Council a copy of any report made by the Auditor on such accounts.

10. The High Commissioner shall not without the sanction of the Governor-General in Council during his tenure of office be or act as Director or Agent of or hold any office in any company or other association or firm whether incorporated or unincorporated or hold any other employment or engage in any business whether within or without the United Kingdom.

Almeric Fitzroy,
C. A. Innes,
Secretary to the Government of India.

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Signed by

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No. 8819

NOTIFICATION

~~In continuation of Government Notification No. dated,~~

~~The~~ following Notification No. 6631, dated 2-10-20 issued by the Government of India in the Department of Commerce ~~and Industry~~,

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is hereby republished for general information:-

(Here enter the Notification referred to)

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By Order,

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~~Asst.~~ Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Compiler, Mysore Gazette,
for publication.

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MYSORE RESIDENT'S OFFICE,

Bangalore, 30th October *1920*.

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A copy of the marginally* noted ~~letter, with its enclosures~~ papers is forwarded, each of,

with compliments, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore for information, in continuation of letter No. 9297 dated the 21st October 1920, from this office.

otification No. 6636 dated 2nd October 1920, of the Government of ndia in the Department of ommerce.
. Press Communique, dated 0th September 1920, from the overnment of India in the epartment of Commerce.

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for *First Assistant Resident.*

Captain

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Government of India,
Department of Commerce.
Simla, the 2nd October 1920.

N O T I F I C A T I O N.
(Foreign Trade).

In the exercise of the powers conferred by clause 1 of the Order of the King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council dated the 13th August 1920, the Governor General in Council, with the approval of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India in Council, is pleased to appoint Sir William Stevenson Meyor, G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I., as High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom with effect from the 1st October 1920.

Sd. C. A. Innes,
Secretary to the Government of India.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
Department of Commerce.

Simla, the 20th September 1920.

PRESS COMMUNIQUE.

1. Section 35 of the Government of India Act, 1919, provides for the creation, by Order in Council, of a High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom.

2. This section was inserted on the recommendation of Lord Crew's Committee on the Home Administration of Indianaffairs. Lord Crew's Committee proposed, and the proposal was endorsed by the Joint Committee of both Houses which was appointed to consider the Bill which subsequently passed into law as the Government of India Act, 1919, that the Government of India should have a special representative of high status in London who would eventually take over all work hitherto done by the India Office for the Indian Government which is of an agency, as opposed to a political and administrative character i.e. in which the India Office ordinarily carry out the wishes of the Indian Government

without question.

3. The further developments of the functions and powers of the High Commissioner and his gradual approximation to the position of a High Commissioner to the self-governing Dominions, will naturally depend upon the changes which may ensue in the relations of the Government of India to the Secretary of State and Parliament.

4. It has now been decided by the Government of India and His Majesty's Government that the time has come for making a beginning in the direction described above, by the appointment of a High Commissioner and that appointment has been created and its general functions and status defined by an Order in Council, approved by His Imperial Majesty the King.

5. The High Commissioner, who will be subordinate to the Government of India, will, at the outset, take up the control of the large Stores Department of the India Office and the accounts section, connecte therewith and the Indian Students Branch. He will also supervise the work of the Indian Trade Commissioner already located in the City. When these arrangements are in satisfactory working order, the Secretar of State for India, will, in conjunction with the Government of India, decide what further work of an agency character, for instance, such matters as the payment of leave and pension allowances can be transferred from the India Office to the High Commissioner, and from what date.

6. The Order in Council prescribes that the appointment of the High Commissionership shall be made by the Governor General of India in Council, with the approval of the Secretary of State for India in Council, and the Government of India have nominated as the first holder of the appointment Sir William Meyer, G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I., formerly a Member of the Governor General's Executive Council. This nomination has been approved by the Secretary of State for India. A Secretary will be attached to the High Commissioner and the first holder of the

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appointment will be an Indian gentleman, namely, Mr. J. W. Bhore, C.B.E I.C.S. At the outset, the officers and clerks will be mainly those hitherto employed in the India Office on the work now to be taken over, but, as the time goes on, the High Commissioner will fill up vacancies and provide for new posts which expansion of work may involve by independent recruitment under orders of the Government of India.

7. The High Commissioner will enter on his duties on the 1st October. He will have a separate office building which will probably be located at 42, Grosvenor Gardens. If this is not ready for his occupation by the date above mentioned, he will sit in the India Office until it is.

Sd. E. C. Ansorge,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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REGISTRAR, RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

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Signed by M' C&B.

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In continuation of Government Notificati

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